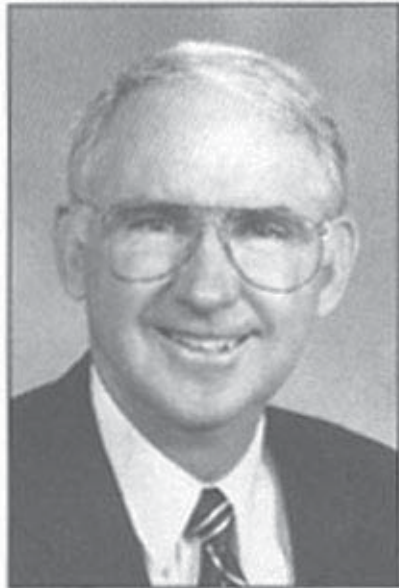


1999 Co-Speakers



BALLARD, CLYDE

Co-Speaker

Republican. Representative from the 12th District, comprised of Chelan and Douglas Counties, parts of Okanogan, and Grant counties. Serving his eighth term in the House. Clyde and his wife, Ruth, live in East Wenatchee, and have three grown sons and seven grandchildren. They are involved in community work and their church.



CHOPP, FRANK

Co-Speaker

Democrat. Frank, a life-long Washington resident, is serving his third term, representing the 43rd District. He is a former Minority Floor Leader and House Minority Leader, and was elected to serve as Democratic Speaker of the House in January 1999. As co-speaker, he also co-chairs the Rules and Executive Rules Committees. For the past 15 years, Frank has been executive director of a non-profit community service organization assisting thousands of people each year. He is a 1975 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Washington. Frank and his wife, Nancy Long, live in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood with their son, Nate, and daughter, Ellie.

House Administration



FOSTER, DEAN R.

Co-Chief Clerk

Serving in his second term as co-Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives (also 79-81), served as Chief Clerk four terms 73-79 and 83-85. Employed by Senate 59-65 and 93-96 and Governor Gardner 85-92. Born in 1941 in Yakima, graduated from Tolt HS, attended Western Washington University and graduated from University of Washington- Capt. USAF. He and his wife Sharon have five children.



MARTIN, TIMOTHY A.

Co-Chief Clerk

First elected Chief Clerk in 1995. Graduate of University of Puget Sound School of Law and Central Washington University. Tim and his wife, Kim, have two sons, Max and Gust.



HAYWARD, SHARON

Deputy Chief Clerk

First worked for the House of Representatives in the 1976 and 1977 sessions. Returned to the House in 1983. Has served as the deputy staff director and the staff director of the House Republican Caucus, and Deputy Chief Clerk of the House since 1995. Sharon and her husband, Allen, have three sons, Jason, Jon and Matt and one granddaughter, Rylee.

may be adopted by a majority of the members present: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a roll call may be ordered as provided for in Rule 24(D)(5).

When the electric roll call machine is used, the members shall be given at least one and one-half minutes to vote. This time limitation may be waived by a majority vote of the members elected before the vote is commenced.

RULE A-6. HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

All vouchers for payrolls and expenses of the House shall be signed by both co-chief clerks.

All supplies for the use of the House shall be furnished upon requisitions signed by both co-chief clerks.

Representative Ballard moved adoption of the resolution.

Representatives Ballard and Chopp spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

House Resolution No. 99-4600 was adopted.

ELECTION OF SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE

Representative Karen Schmidt: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, members of the House, and distinguished guests.

Indeed, it is a great day to be a citizen of the state of Washington. Only once before in the history of our state have the citizens brought us together — party to party — to share the power of this chamber equally. The message they have given to each of us is to work together and to deliver together a better government of the people. The expectations of our citizens are always high. But this time, they are even higher. As the political bickering continues in the "other Washington", the citizens back here in our state have given us this opportunity to demonstrate that we can move beyond partisanship. As an equal body of both Republicans and Democrats, we have been brought together to find common ground for the common problems and needs that face each of us. And so it is right that we nominate a leader with the experience, the insight and the ability to bring each of us together for the people of our great state.

It is right that we choose a leader of this chamber who comes from the people -- who understands the importance of "government of the people"-- who lives the meaning of "public servant." Clyde Ballard is the embodiment of the American Dream. He grew up not the product of an affluent family but the son of migrant workers. His parents traveled quite often — going to places where there was work to feed the family. Their typical work day started at dawn and continued until sundown. It was not an easy life. At an early age, Clyde learned the values of hard work, of commitment and dedication, honesty and perseverance, and of public service. It is what has defined his strong, personal character. With the support of his wife, Ruth, together they built a successful ambulance business in Wenatchee. It was Clyde's genuine caring for people and commitment to public service that made the ambulance business such a good match for him.

It's these same qualities which prompted the people from North Central Washington to elect and re-elect Clyde as their state representative since 1982. These same qualities of honesty, caring and commitment have made Clyde Ballard the perfect match as the leader and speaker of the House of Representatives. Over the years, Clyde has also recognized the importance of being a good listener. Friends tell the story of how Clyde learned it's best to listen to those close to you. Clyde had received a six-pack of cola from a friend. On the label was the University of Washington Husky emblem. Clyde wanted to save the cans without opening the top so they would appear new. But he also wanted to get the pop out of the cans. He decided to puncture the underside of the cans to capture the cola. But Ruth — knowing what may happen with cans under pressure — warned him against it. Being the eternal optimist he is, Clyde decided not to listen to Ruth. It only took once.

He punctured the underside of the can. It exploded into a fizz that soaked not only Clyde, but the walls and ceiling of Ruth's kitchen. I'm told the stains can still be seen on some of the higher parts of the ceiling.

And so it is we know Clyde recognizes the importance of being a good listener. Listening and bringing people together is one of the major attributes of being a good leader and House speaker. It's no secret that our caucus has varied opinions. We are mostly together on fiscal issues. But when it comes to social issues, we run the gamut of philosophy.

Yet, Clyde Ballard has always been the voice of reason. Clyde is the leader we turn to who builds bridges between our gaps. When we have fallen apart on some of our most divisive issues, Clyde has picked up the pieces and has brought us back together again. Clyde Ballard has brought balance and fairness to our caucus and to both parties, Democrat and Republican. And he has proven that our system of checks and balances works-- so long as we continue to show mutual respect to each other. In his many years as public servant, Clyde has traveled hundreds of thousands of miles back and forth across Washington state sharing his vision of the future. He has made many sacrifices along the way.

Let me take a moment to thank his family for the sacrifices they have made in sharing Clyde with us. His wife, Ruth and their three sons, Jeff, Shawn, and Scott and their families, along with Clyde's grandchildren.

Speaking of sacrifices, once Clyde traveled to meet me on a speaking tour in Eastern Washington. He received a phone call from Ruth. Clyde had forgotten his wallet back home in East Wenatchee — along with his drivers' license, and of course, cash. We were going on to another stop and Clyde didn't have any money to get out of the parking garage. Imagine the Speaker of the House having to ask the House Transportation Chairman for money to pay for transportation needs. What a switch! I paid the ticket and we bought him lunch that day too!

I think it was a reminder of what his days were like when there was little money to go around. But even more so it was a reminder that even the smallest of details can be very important. Those of us who have been here for years know that the big issues can often be worked out. It's the smallest details that often present the greatest challenges between us and between our parties. But again, Clyde's leadership and experience have brought us together as he reminds us that we are here working for the people of Washington state.

And let me take a moment to speak about the institution itself. We have the greatest system of government in the world. You and I are so very fortunate to live in a nation where ideas may be freely exchanged. Our system of government works best when we bring ideas to this institution where we can openly and passionately debate our differences with respect for each other and the process. It is by our participation in this civil process and the respect we show for this institution that our government of the people is preserved. Eight years ago in this same chamber, the Minority Leader of the House echoed the voices of Washington's citizens.

He said, 'We have had a lot of advice that has said to us, 'Do what is right and not is what political.'"

Those are Clyde Ballard's words in 1991 who also added, "I absolutely agree with that. I think we have to. I think it is imperative that we as a Legislature do what is right and not what is political."

His own words best describe the integrity of Clyde Ballard: "Do what is right!"

This is the kind of leadership the people of our state want someone who will go beyond partisanship a man who will build bridges among our most passionate differences. Our citizens want someone who will do right for the people of Washington state. Today, we are to bestow the honor of the title of House Speaker.

In speaking about honor, President Calvin Coolidge said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." Clyde Ballard has given us leadership with demonstrated character, compassion and dedication.

Today, let us do — not what is political — but what we know is right.

Let us put forward the title of Speaker of the House to the people's public servant here who is most deserving the honorable Clyde Ballard."

Representative Lynn Kessler: "Members of the House, distinguished guests. It's my privilege and pleasure to place Representative Frank Chopp's name in nomination for Co-Speaker of the Washington State House of Representatives.

For only the second time in the history of our great State, the House of Representatives has an equal number of Democratic and Republican members. Shared power will present both challenges and opportunities for all of us in this chamber. It's more important now than ever that our Co-Speakers are leaders who are up to this task. I believe that both Frank Chopp and Clyde Ballard are the right people for the job.

Representative Frank Chopp has certainly proven that he has the skills to execute his duties as Co-Speaker. Throughout the many necessary negotiations that have taken place between Frank and Clyde since November, it has become clearly evident that we are well-served.

Frank is a man of integrity and compassion, qualities that I believe are essential in a great leader. His energy and exuberance have been a tremendous motivator for our Democratic caucus members. His sense of fairness has already served us well in addressing the organizational tasks that were necessary to prepare us for today and the rest of the upcoming session. Frank encourages creativity, and he's enthusiastic about other peoples' ideas. We work well together as a team.

As a member who serves a rural district, I have found Frank's interest in rural economic development issues extremely helpful. Many of the members of this body think of Frank only as a Seattle legislator, but he was actually born and raised in Bremerton. His roots and ties go deep into rural Washington. Ironically, I moved from the Wallingford area of urban Seattle to rural Hoquiam 19 years ago, while Frank moved from rural Bremerton and lives with his wife Nancy and their daughter Ellie in my old urban Wallingford neighborhood. Because of his understanding not just of urban but also rural issues, I have frequently turned to Frank for support on matters that are critical for my district and the other rural areas of our state. Through Frank's leadership, our caucus is committed to working for ONE Washington.

Frank is a down to earth person who understands what it is to live in the real world and what people really care about — a solid education for our children and grandchildren; and a good job with a paycheck that meets the monthly bills and still leaves a little for some fun.

Frank is a man of his word. He will lead us with dignity and thoughtfulness through the challenging and I hope productive days ahead. It is with full confidence in his character, and with great enthusiasm, that I urge you to elect Frank Chopp as Co-Speaker of the House of Representatives."

Representative Barbara Lisk moved the nominations for Speakers of the House be closed. The motion was carried.

Representative Lisk moved that the rules be suspended and that by voice vote, Clyde Ballard and Frank Chopp be elected as Co-Speakers of the House. The motion was carried.

Chief Clerk Martin requested that Representatives Schmidt and Kessler escort Speaker Ballard and Speaker Chopp to the Rostrum. Chief Justice Richard Guy administered the Oath of Office to Speaker Clyde Ballard and to Speaker Frank Chopp.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY SPEAKER BALLARD

Speaker Ballard: "Some how as I look out over the floor of the House this morning it doesn't appear that things are any different this year. But we all know that our lives and jobs here are going to be just a little bit unique this time around. We might even find just a few unusual challenges as we conduct the business of the people in 1999. It's a darn good thing we're all friends And get along so well And agree on every subject Right?

The fact is we are embarking today on a path that has only confronted our state once before in its long and glorious history. We must share control of the House between Republicans and Democrats. And

that means we must also share responsibility for conducting the legislative process and managing the institution in a manner that is productive for the citizens of Washington and in a way that will make the public proud.

Yes we face unique challenges this year. But it will be no one's fault but our own and it will be to our great shame if we fail to succeed in facing and meeting those challenges.

I have been proud to serve you all of you in this House and all of the constituents we represent throughout the state I have been proud to serve you as speaker of the House the past four years. Now I am honored to continue leading the House this time sharing the duties and responsibilities of speaker with my friend Frank Chopp. I must tell you that Frank and I have learned an awful lot about each other in just a few weeks. You could say we've grown very close very fast. That's a good thing right?

You learn a great deal about a person when you have to depend on them. And the simple truth is Frank and I have had to depend on each other. We have been faced with making decisions that could not be made unless we found a way to reach agreement with each other. At the same time failure to make these decisions was simply not an option. Now that is pressure.

But I'm pleased to say we have risen to the challenge making sound and fair decisions while establishing a relationship and a respect that will help see us through this session. The lessons we have learned through the process of organizing the House have been valuable and they are lessons that are important to every one of us. We must make the greatest effort and take the greatest care to establish and nurture strong personal relationships with each other. That means we must be open and honest in our communication with each other. We must respect each other and do our utmost to understand the views and perspectives of others.

I have always said that while I enjoy every aspect of the legislative process what I truly love the most are the friendships we make serving here together friendships that transcend our political and philosophical differences or our differences in background and experience. Now we will find out absolutely just how much our friendship means. The fact is we cannot succeed indeed, we cannot survive without each other. As members of our respective parties and as individuals we need each other.

Having said all that I know we won't always agree with each other not on every issue. And I look forward to many spirited debates. We should welcome an engaging exchange of ideas. The greatest strength of the political process is our *ideas* and the more ideas that we look at and the more that we are willing to listen to and consider the ideas of others the more successful we will be in finding effective and workable solutions. Given the fact that we need each other I will be doing everything I can along with Co-Speaker Chopp to help us find common ground by identifying the interests and objectives we share. That is the first and most critical step in working together and seeking consensus that will allow us all find solutions. Solutions that are effective solutions that are sound solutions that are responsible. At the same time it is healthy to share the differing and competing ideas we may have as to how believe those common objectives can best be reached. What in the end will determine our success or failure is our ability to get beyond the worthwhile battle over ideas and move on to a resolution of issues that enables us to come together and offer real solutions to the real problems facing the citizens we represent.

Can we identify the common interests and concerns that underlie the issues we care about even as we challenge each other over the best ways to address those issues? Will we commit ourselves to the pursuit of solutions to reaching decisions even when we know that those decisions will require us to find a way to agree with each other? Are we willing and able to make every effort to build personal friendship and trust with every one of our colleagues and rely upon those relationships as the foundation for an ongoing effort to understand each other and respect each other? These questions and their answers will ultimately determine the course of this legislative session. We are embarking today on an experience that is entirely new to almost every one of us.

There will be challenges. It won't always be easy. But if we are of good will if we can think of ourselves as people and as friends if we strive to understand each other if we remember that we need each other then we can find ways to make this process work together. I have every confidence that we will have a productive and successful legislative session this year. And my pledge to you is that I will do everything I

can to assist you and encourage you in this endeavor continuing to provide institutional leadership that is respectful and fair to every member of the House.

I deeply appreciate your continued confidence and trust in me. Let's have a great session!"

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY SPEAKER CHOPP

Speaker Chopp: "Father Sullivan, thank you for your inspirational prayer. I've long admired your education legacy and your amazing fund-raising ability. We are honored to have you here today.

Lynn Kessler, thank you so much. You are a wonderful person and a tremendous leader. Your good will and decency shine through in everything you do. And I look forward to continuing our teamwork together.

Mr. Speaker, what a shock to both of us that we are standing up here together today. What a shock to everyone else that we're actually working together so well. I greatly appreciate that you have taken a new look at me. I'm sure that you would agree, that all legislators this session should take a new look at each other, with an open mind. If we don't then we'll be living in the past, rather than looking to the future. Clyde, I particularly admire your definition of what makes a good speaker. In your own words: "A good speaker realizes their obligation is to every member and to every citizen, and the decisions they make, they have to make fairly. Everyone has to be treated absolutely equal." Clyde, I will do my best to live up to your definition.

The two of us are going to be closely watched and variously described. This past Saturday, I heard a radio news reporter describing the legislature as if it were going to be like the Wild West. She ominously said that the session was to begin at High Noon. Next thing you know, they may start casting Clyde as Gary Cooper. And I guess they'll cast me as James T. Kirk in the Star Trek version of "Gunfight at the OK Corral."

Now, with a 49/49 tie, instead of reaching for our holster or our phaser, let's all rise to the occasion. What we need this session are the three C's: Cooperation, Civility and Creativity. If we are to accomplish anything this session, we must cooperate with one another. If we are to get our work done in the time allotted, we must be civil to one another. And if we are to make a difference in the lives of the people of this state, we must be creative about solutions. Business as usual just isn't enough.

To get us in the proper frame of mind, I ask that each of you think back to those who have made a difference in your life. For me, it was many people, my teachers among them. One in particular made a difference at two different times in my life. She was my 4th grade teacher, and later on she was my high school English teacher. She taught me the three R's, as well as the three C's. Her creativity opened my eyes (even though my watercolors were sometimes a little too creative). Her civility set an example. And her spirit of cooperation made team teaching all the more effective. I remember her acerbic wit and her quick mind — which she puts to good use in retirement, as she works as a citizen activist to save some land in Kitsap County for parks and open space. Her name is Audrey Boyer. Mr. Speaker, I ask that Mrs. Boyer would stand to be recognized. Now that you got all that applause, Mrs. Boyer, I'd like to apologize to you for that paper airplane incident in 4th grade. I've been worrying about that for a long time.

By the way, all of us legislators might want to reflect upon how we acted as students, when we discuss how teachers will be treated this session. It ain't an easy job, teaching the young, but it's a very important one.

Now, I'd like to introduce members of my family, who've really made a difference in my life. My wife Nancy Long, my son Nate, my daughter Ellie, my parents Frank and Anne Chopp, my sisters Anita and Joanne, my brothers-in-law Kelly and Earl, my nephew Tyler and my mother-in-law Dorothy Long.

Family has always been important to me. When I was growing up in Bremerton, my family would gather around the kitchen table for dinner, and we'd talk about the day. We usually asked my Dad how his day at the shipyard went. He would always answer "terrible". But we all knew he had a good job — a great job — at a wage that kept the family afloat while he helped overhaul ships for the Navy. We would ask my Mom how her day went. For many years, she worked as a cafeteria worker in the local schools. By the

way, to this day, I still love cafeteria food. My parents would ask me how I did at school that day. They kept telling me how important getting an education was. They set high standards for me. Often they would talk about the next PTA meeting where my Dad was President and my Mom the host. They did all this before anyone officially called it "parental involvement". My parents would keep up on my other activities as well. Every fall, they would religiously follow the travails of my peewee football team.

But throughout every season, there was always talk about another level of football — and that was politics. My family could sure argue about politics. They would argue about whether Governor Evans was really a Republican or a Democrat. They would argue about schools and roads, jobs and wages, parks and playfields, and about so much more. At dinner, I ate it all up — the food — and the talk.

These are the kind of kitchen table issues that still concern people today: strong schools, good jobs, secure families and a healthy environment. As we represent people here in Olympia, these are the issues that should concern us. Everyday issues. Main street values. Issues and values that I hope we will find common ground. To do that, we need to reach across the aisle. So to start this session off on a good note, I'd like to invite the legislators on both sides of the main aisle that separates us, to stand up, meet halfway across the aisle, and shake hands. Alright! That's it. That's what this session must be about. And that's why we must remember to take a new look at each other, to rise to the occasion and to make a difference. Let's go to work."

Speaker Ballard called upon Representatives John Koster and Jim McIntire to escort Judge Marlin Appelwick, Washington State Court of Appeals to the Rostrum.

ELECTION OF SPEAKERS PRO TEMPORE

Representative Helen Sommers: "I rise to nominate Representative Val Ogden as Co-Speaker Pro Tempore. Val Ogden has the qualities needed for the position of Co-Speaker Pro Tempore: respected, fair, knowledgeable, thoughtful, thorough, trusted, friendly — she fits the job.

Val Ogden was born in Okanogan. She has a record as a leader in many communities across the country and in a range of activities: leader in YWCA on the East Coast including Washington D.C., leader in Camp Fire Councils in several states from Maryland to Minnesota to California; Executive Director of the United Way in Fort Collins, Colorado and that city named her Citizen of the Year. And back here at home in Washington many more activities: Mental Health Board, Human Services Council, Arts and Tourism Chair, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Board, State Historical Society Board and very active and well recognized for her outstanding work with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Val Ogden knows how to work with a bi-partisan spirit. She is effective in a bi-partisan way. Just think — last session in a Republican controlled Legislature, she got five bills passed.

Finally let me say, Val Ogden respects this institution — This institution respects Val Ogden.

I am very proud to nominate my hard working colleague and my good friend as the first woman Speaker Pro Tempore in 35 years — Val Ogden."

Representative Gary Alexander: I would like to nominate a friend and colleague of mine who I admire very much — Rep John Pennington, from the 18th District — for Republican Speaker Pro Tempore.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, John moved to Washington State in 1990 to pursue an interest in the emerging gourmet coffee industry. While selling coffee in Battleground, he met his lovely wife, Valerie Ann. In late 1991, Rep Pennington and his new wife took a \$700 federal income tax refund and began their own company — Timber Town Coffee Company. They operated that coffee service company, and later, a small roasting facility, followed by a coffee-desert shop in the same Battleground town in which they met and married some eight years ago.

John was first elected to the House in 1994. During his second term, with the support of many of you in this room, he was elected Speaker Pro Tempore. He has the distinction of being the youngest Speaker Pro Tempore elected by this distinguished body.

I conclude with the same commitment I made to you two years ago. I offer to you fairness, a willingness to listen but above all integrity. For we are all too often reminded that all we have in Olympia is our integrity — and once it is lost or broken, it may never be retrieved."

Speaker Ballard requested Representatives Helen Sommers and Gary Alexander to escort Co-Speaker Pro Tempore Ogden and Co-Speaker Pro Tempore Pennington to their seats on the floor.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERKS

Representative Bill Grant: "It is a great honor for me to nominate a man for our Co-Chief Clerk who first came to the legislature in 1959 as a Bill Clerk in the Senate while still in high school in Carnation. He attended Western Washington University in Bellingham and got a political science degree from the University of Washington. After serving in the military, where he achieved the rank of Captain, he returned to his life in politics.

When he was first elected as Chief Clerk of the Washington State House of Representatives in 1973 he was the youngest Chief Clerk in the United States. He served in that position until 1979. He served as Co-Chief Clerk when the House was evenly divided during the split in 1979 and 1980. He has served, with distinction, in both the Senate and the Governor's office.

Not only is he a man who is very much respected by those of us who know him, more importantly he has a great deal of respect for this institution and will serve us well as our Co-Chief Clerk. It is an honor for me to place the name of Dean R. Foster in nomination for the position of Co-Chief Clerk."

Representative John Pennington: "I suppose it is a bit unique for one officer of this House to nominate another, but I felt compelled to nominate the gentleman — Chief Clerk of this House, Tim Martin, for a third term.

In 1995, at the age of 35, Tim Martin was unanimously elected as the House's chief administrator — all the while his wife, Kim, was patiently smiling and waiting at the rear of the chamber — waiting to deliver their second child of which she did only hours later. Tim Martin is not a leader, but a humble public servant — graduating with honors from the University of Puget Sound Law School. He has been a wonderful administrator of this House's daily activities and its overall public image.

With his intense focus on enhancing institutional integrity and public trust, Chief Clerk Martin has become nationally recognized by organizations such as NCSL and by renowned ethics advisor and author, Alan Rosenthal of Rutgers University — who has visited on two occasions to incorporate the positive change of Washington State's Legislature into his studies and writings.

It is a proud moment in our history when our chief clerk is asked to speak abroad about the dramatic reforms which he has helped to institute over the past four years. Tim also has made it very clear, that it is his greatest desire to leave this institution with integrity placed above all else.

He is innovative and visionary.

When Chief Clerk Martin realized that we were using ten to eleven million sheets of paper in each budget session, he proposed the then-radical concept of purchasing laptop computers for each member, to be used both at the member's home and office — as well as having the capability to be plugged into the desk on the floor. The reasons for that change, he said, were for efficiency of the public's resources and improving the public's access to their elected leaders. The results are phenomenal. From average citizens to business leaders, entire classrooms to seniors, we receive now on a daily basis dozens of electronic messages from our constituents. Often times, they are received as the same citizen views us over public access TVW.

It indeed has enhanced our ability to communicate effectively and efficiently. Not only was it visionary, but has become the model for other state across the nation. Just this morning, the House of Representatives was awarded the Progress of Freedom Foundation's Digital Democracy Award for the state that has best applied digital technology to democracy.

So Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of great pride that I nominate for a third term as chief clerk of this house — a humble servant, a man focused on the integrity of this institution, a visionary and my friend, Mr. Timothy Martin."

MOTIONS

Representative Kessler moved the nominations for Chief Clerks be closed. The motion was carried.

Representative Kessler moved that the rules be suspended and that by voice vote, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin be elected as Co-Chief Clerks of the House. The motion was carried.

Speaker Chopp requested Representatives Grant and Pennington to escort Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin to the Rostrum. Judge Appelwick administered the Oath of Office to Co-Chief Clerks Foster and Martin.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF CO-CHIEF CLERK FOSTER

Chief Clerk Foster: "Mr. Speakers, ladies and gentlemen, members of the House of Representatives, thank you for this honor. I didn't expect to be back here again. I would first like to acknowledge the members of the forty-sixth Legislature, the 1979 and 1980 tie. They have been very important in the process of setting this up and since we won't be doing this until 2019 and 2020, I think that every twenty years we should acknowledge a little bit of history: Helen Sommers, who was here then, we have five members of the Senate and Lt. Governor Brad Owen, Senator Bauer, Senator Deccio, Senator McDonald, Senator Winsley and Senator Wojahn who were all over here. We know they know what it is like so they will be very cooperative with us this year and know what any problems are. I'd also like to acknowledge my three partners of twenty years ago that helped put this together: Speakers Bagnariol and Berentson but most of all my Co-Chief Clerk, who I believe is sitting up in the gallery, my good friend, Vito Chiechi.

Second I would like to thank and acknowledge the members of my family who have been so supportive of me. I have been nervous because we had the floor pass rule and you will see why I was so nervous in just a couple of minutes but that was one of the Chief Clerk prerogatives I think. My mother started talking to me about politics when I was real young. She told me about being a teacher in Olympia in the late thirties, when she would come to watch the Legislature. She talked to me about the Speakers and the kind of people who were here, she was a principal of Garfield Grade School in the late thirties. My dad and mom brought me here in 1959, the first time, when I was quite nervous. I was given a great, great opportunity then and now I have a second great opportunity. My mom and dad Bob and Wanda Foster who are sitting right up there in the gallery. I am like Speaker Ballard, I often have refused, not refused but been unable to remember all the family. But I would like to acknowledge my wife Sharon who gave me the House pass to be here today, my sister Syd, our children, Kim and David and Scott who are here today as well as our other two children, Brian and Michael who couldn't be here today. And then I would like to acknowledge the rest of my family who are up in the front row of the gallery.

And finally to you members of this legislature, we pledge that we will be all working together to finish this session and to do what the citizens have asked us to do — work together, work cooperatively, work across the aisle, work in the Chief Clerk's Office. It will be a fun session, it will be a difficult session but most of all it will be memorable.

Thank you very much."

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF CO-CHIEF CLERK MARTIN

Chief Clerk Martin: "First of all, thank you Speaker Pro Tempore Pennington for those very generous nominating remarks. They mean a lot to me. And thank you Mr. Speaker Ballard, Mr. Speaker

Chopp, Chief Justice Guy, Judge Appelwick, Secretary of State Munro, Deputy Chief Sharon Hayward and Vicki Susan Anderson -- Happy Birthday, Vicki! You keep this place running every day and we all appreciate it.

What a great honor it is for me to have one more opportunity to do a job that I enjoy doing as much as I do this one. Thank you.

I am humbled. I am completely humbled by the trust you have placed in me. And I will do everything I can to earn that trust on a daily basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the team of very talented professionals that keep the infrastructure of the legislative process intact. And that's your House staff. We in this State are very fortunate to have assembled such a topnotch group of very caring individuals. They do you proud every day.

And finally, with your indulgence, I would like to take an opportunity to recognize my family: my parents, Jerry and Faye Martin; and my nephew, here from Australia, Jerry Martin; and my very best friends in the whole world -- I'm so very proud of these people -- my wife Kim, Max (who is in my office watching "Cartoon Network" instead of watching Dad preside on Opening Day) and Gust, who work up just in time -- and made it here this year. Thank you."

Speaker Chopp thanked Chief Justice Richard Guy and Judge Marlin Appelwick for assisting the House with the Oaths of Office. He requested Representatives Constantine, Lambert, Koster and McIntire escort Chief Justice Guy and Judge Appelwick from the House Chamber.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4601, by Representatives Kessler and Lisk

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint a committee of four members of the House of Representatives to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is now organized and ready to conduct business.

Representative Kessler moved adoption of the resolution.

Representative Kessler spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

House Resolution No. 99-4601 was adopted.

Speaker Chopp appointed Representatives Jim Kastama, Sharon Tomiko Santos, Mark Schoesler and Larry Sheahan to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready to do business.

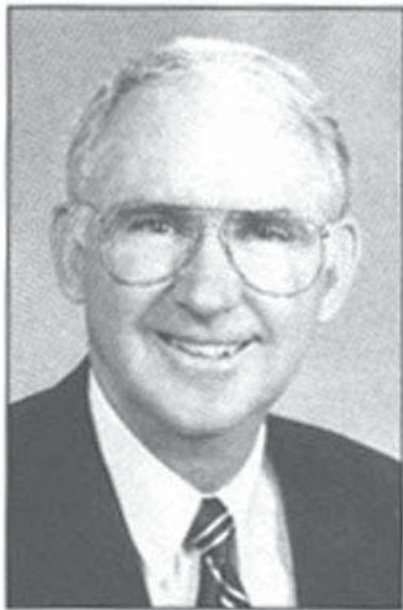
The Sergeant at Arms announced that a delegation from the Senate was at the door and wished to be admitted to the Chamber. Speaker Chopp requested the Sergeant at Arms to admit the delegation and escort them to the Bar of the House. Speaker Chopp introduced Senators Val Stevens, Jeri Costa, Jim Horn, Jim Honeyford, Georgia Gardner and Tracey Eide to the members. They reported that the Senate was organized and ready to do business. The Sergeant at Arms escorted the Senators from the Chamber.

The Sergeant at Arms announced that the delegation had returned from the Senate. The representatives were escorted to the Bar of the House where they reported that the Senate was organized and ready to do business. The Sergeant of Arms escorted the members to their seats on the floor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 11, 1999

Mr. Speaker:



BALLARD, CLYDE

Co-Speaker

Republican. Representative from the 12th District, composed of Chelan and Douglas counties, as well as parts of Okanogan and Grant counties. Clyde is serving his 10th term in the House. He and his wife, Ruth, live in East Wenatchee and have three grown sons and seven grandchildren. They are involved in community work and their church.



CHOPP, FRANK

Co-Speaker

Democrat. A life-long Washington resident, Frank is serving his fourth term representing the 43rd Legislative District. A former Minority Floor Leader and House Minority Leader, Frank was elected Democratic Speaker of the House in January 1999. As co-speaker, he co-chairs the Rules and Executive Rules Committees. For 16 years, Frank was executive director of a non-profit community service organization assisting thousands of people annually; he now serves as president. He is a 1975 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Washington. Frank and his wife, Nancy Long, live in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood and have two children, Nate and Ellie.



MARTIN, TIMOTHY A.

Co-Chief Clerk

First elected Chief Clerk in 1995. Graduate of University of Puget Sound School of Law and Central Washington University. Tim and his wife, Kim, have two sons, Max and Gust.



ZEHNDER, CYNTHIA

Co-Chief Clerk

Elected Co-Chief Clerk at the end of the 1999 Special Session. Served as Co-Deputy Chief Clerk during the 1999 Regular Session. Appointed Deputy Commissioner for the Employment Security Department from 1997 through 1998. Before coming to state government, spent many years as an official for the Teamsters Union, holding a number of positions including Secretary-Treasurer for Teamsters Local 741 and Coordinator for the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28. Graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in Anthropology and a master's degree in Educational Psychology. She has one son, Matthew.



HAYWARD, SHARON

Deputy Chief Clerk

Has worked in the House since 1983. Has served as the deputy staff director and the staff director of the House Republican Caucus, and Deputy Chief Clerk of the House since 1995. Sharon and her husband, Allen, have three sons, Jason, Jon and Matt, and one granddaughter, Rylee.



WEGELEBEN, WILLIAM H.

Deputy Chief Clerk

Appointed Deputy Chief Clerk June 1999. Previously worked for the House of Representatives from 1983-87. Employed by Governor Gardner from 1987-92, and Governor Lowry from 1993-97. Served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of DSHS 1997-99. Raised in Ellensburg and Yakima, attended Yakima Valley College and University of Washington before graduating from Central Washington University. Also served for 3 1/2 years as a VISTA Volunteer, and 8 years on the congressional staff of Congressman Mike McCormack.

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When the electric roll call machine is used, the members shall be given at least one and one-half minutes to vote. This time limitation may be waived by a majority vote of the members elected before the vote is commenced.

RULE A-6. HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

All vouchers for payrolls and expenses of the House shall be signed by both co-chief clerks.

All supplies for the use of the House shall be furnished upon requisitions signed by both co-chief clerks.

RULE A-7. CLOSING DEBATE/CO-PRIME SPONSORS

If a bill is introduced with co-prime sponsors, both co-prime sponsors may have the privilege of closing debate if it is consistent with Rule 16(C) (Limitation of Debate) and Rule 18 (Previous Question).

Representative Ballard moved the adoption of the resolution.

Representatives Ballard and Chopp spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

House Resolution No. 4600 was adopted.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKERS

Representative Kessler: "Two years ago, for the second time in the history of our state, this Chamber was evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. We were faced with an interesting challenge. Shared governance. What a concept. At that time, the House Democrats and Republicans elected Speakers Frank Chopp and Clyde Ballard to lead us through uncharted waters.

Today, as we face a back-to-back tie, I am honored to have the opportunity to nominate Speaker Chopp for a second term. Two years ago, I knew he would be the right person for the task. Frank offered a leadership style based on a vision of east and west, urban and rural, all coming together as "One Washington". He was focused on issues of importance to all of us, Democrats and Republicans. Strong schools . . . good jobs . . . secure families . . . responsive government . . . and a healthy environment. Upon being elected Speaker, Frank rolled up his sleeves, a now familiar picture, and set out to meet the challenge. He met it with enthusiasm and never-ending energy. He was amazing. Even when his car was totaled by an inattentive driver on his way to the Capitol one morning, he didn't miss a beat. He was late, but when he arrived he immediately jumped into a series of fast-paced meetings - in excruciating pain.

He has worked with both sides of the aisle, on both sides of the rotunda, with all interest groups, with people from all walks of life. His door has been open to everyone and he has received them with an open mind. He believes there is always a way to find common ground. He has worked tirelessly to find creative and common sense solutions to the challenges facing the people of this State.

And Frank has shown great leadership skills. He has been strong in making policy decisions and setting our course. During the last 49-49 tie in the House, we were able to pass a Patient's Bill of Rights, the Children's Health Initiative, a reduction in unemployment taxes for our businesses, an extension of benefits for displaced workers during retraining, and enhanced economic opportunities for our rural communities. And we continued our commitment to education, as well as to clean air, clean water and saving our salmon. Frank's leadership job was tough - sometimes messy - but he got it done.

We have even more daunting challenges this session . . . a transportation and energy crisis, dwindling salmon runs, rural economic problems, a controversy over new shorelines regulations, a major backup in processing water permits and, at the same time, writing a budget that both sides of the aisle can support. We need leaders who can keep us on track and who have a clear vision for our great State, from the Pacific to the Palouse. We need leaders who can put politics aside and advance real solutions so that government works for the people of Washington State. Many are predicting that we will fail. That we will start off in a spirit of cooperation but that, in the end, we will resort to partisan bickering. We can rise to the occasion by electing leaders who are decisive, not divisive. Frank Chopp is such a leader.

Frank is a person of integrity and vision. He cares deeply for people, especially those who are less fortunate. He understands the needs of both labor and business. He is a problem-solver with unceasing energy. He listens to all sides. He is a loving husband and father, and a very good friend. Frank has proven himself a thoughtful leader, who puts issues and solutions ahead of politics - clearly needed at this time, in this Legislature. It is my privilege to nominate Frank Chopp, my friend and colleague, for Speaker of the Washington State House of Representatives."

Representative Clements: "Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk, members of the House of Representatives and distinguished guests. On this eighth day of January, 2001, history is in the making. For another two years the House will be governed by 49 members of each party, and the time has come to nominate our Speakers. It is my honor to nominate Clyde Ballard as our Speaker for the 49 Republican members who have been elected to serve by and for the citizenry of our great state.

I want you to know that Clyde always has emphasized civility when we are faced with serious political battles, partisan arguments or caucus rifts. He has a gentle way that holds people together - but there have been times when we all have tested him and his patience.

Clyde's first term as Speaker was in 1994. I am here to tell you incoming freshmen - especially Republican members - it was a wonderful time for us. However, some in the press reported it as an event similar to the Huns sacking Rome.

New Speaker Ballard kept reminding us that we freshman legislators should be disciplined enough to limit our introduction of new bills - thereby reducing the number of bills, which cost the state around \$3,000 each for every "blue sheet." There were real or imagined consequences for not heeding his warnings.

In my mind's eye, you had a choice of three "Ballard disciplines." One was counting paper clips in the archives. The second was standing for an indeterminate amount of time outside Clyde's office, looking at my shoelaces. Or there was the one I selected: reading the House Journals and hoping not to be tested.

Having a nearly autographic memory when pressed, I remembered something I heard about Clyde's early days in the House, so I had our staff do a little research in the House Journals.

It is January 10, 1983, the very first day of session for Freshman Clyde Ballard. On that first day, Clyde signed on to a raft of bills. The first of those was House Bill 7, to create a "workfare" program for food stamp recipients. The intent was to teach work skills to recipients, encourage recipients to find regular employment and deter those who could work, but did not wish to do so, from participating in the food stamp program. Near as can be determined, shortly thereafter, the first bill Clyde prime-sponsored was HB 418. It dealt with improving markings for disabled parking spaces and implementing penalties for those who parked illegally in them. But alas, as we were in the minority, neither this bill nor HB 7 made it out of committee.

Not only is Clyde a proven leader in our own state; his leadership goes beyond Washington. For the past two years he has been president and moderator of the annual Pacific Conference, where Speakers, Senators, Representatives and other officials from the Pacific Rim states gather to discuss similar problems and issues facing them. It was impressive to watch Clyde lead these conferences. With pride, I noted the great respect and trust these many Democrat and Republican elected officials had for Clyde. He planned and conducted meaningful, well-balanced programs and agendas that helped us all see the various issues and develop solutions for these challenges.

The latest conference, just last month, dealt with one main issue: energy shortages and a lack of capacity or new generation. Who thinks the Northwest region's 5 percent electricity generation capacity from the Snake River dams isn't important, now? That brings to mind the words uttered by an Alaska state senator when discussing environmentalist activities to impede construction of new power plants, and tear out the dams: he suggested allowing them to be the first to freeze in the dark.

At a conference of this nature, both the personal and professional side of Clyde is revealed. Ruth, Clyde's loving wife of 46 years, serves as his mentor; his immediate family and grandchildren are his retreat. I know he regrets not getting to spend as much time with his grandchildren as he would like, while on duty for our state. For that reason, we are going to do our best to wrap this session up in 105 days.

In the coming days, the reality of rising health care, energy costs, transportation funding and the political and financial impacts of the plethora of citizen-sponsored initiatives will be upon us. For that reason, I am confident the nomination of Clyde Ballard will prove to be one of the more significant nominations of a Speaker in the history of this state.

I think it is worth going back again to that day in 1983, when Clyde took his first oath of office and then-Speaker Wayne Ehlers made a couple of noteworthy observations. First, he pointed out that Washington was in the midst of its worst period of unemployment and business failures since the Great Depression. He also noted that because the state's economy had been going into a major tailspin every 10 years, it was time for the Legislature to develop a mechanism that triggered revenues to fund basic programs. And if revenues did unexpectedly increase, they could be channeled into a rainy-day reserve account - something that, in any case, should only be available for emergencies, not for new programs. He wanted to do this to avoid causing any special sessions. However, since die of the regular 1983 session was followed by three special sessions - the last in September of that year.

Unlike 1983, western Washington today has the highest employment and best business atmosphere in the state's history. But like 1983, we do not have enough money. I guarantee the Governor, the Senate and my friends on the other side of the aisle, and even the press, will wonder whether this Chamber can keep a foothold on its collective political sanity as this session progresses.

John L. O'Brien, late of this Chamber, is the only other member to serve four consecutive terms as Speaker in this state. This puts Clyde in pretty exclusive company. I know Clyde has the experience and competence to navigate the storm we are about to enter and bring the ship of state to port on time and intact.

If I may, I would like to add a closing comment to Clyde on a more personal level. In the coming days, I fear at times we members of the Legislature and the public could be unreasonable in our demands and expect him to succeed where we would fail. And just remember, even an old porch dog knows the difference between being petted and being kicked. I want him to call me if he is not sure which one it is.

With great respect, I place the name of Clyde Ballard in nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives."

MOTIONS

Representative Kessler moved that the nominations for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives be closed.

Representative Kessler moved that the rules be suspended, and that by a voice vote of the House, Representative Frank Chopp and Representative Clyde Ballard be elected to the positions of Speakers of the House of Representatives. The motion was carried.

Representatives Kessler and Clements escorted Speakers Frank Chopp and Clyde Ballard to the Rostrum.

Justice Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Speakers Chopp and Ballard.

Chief Clerks Martin and Zehnder turned the duel-headed gavel to the new Speakers.

Speaker Chopp: "Welcome to the people's House!

At the beginning of a new session in this House, it is entirely proper to remind ourselves of why we are here... and that it is to serve the people.

We begin our work this year much as we began two years ago, and last year too - with huge challenges ahead of us, and a 49-49 tie between us.

But there is one important difference. This year, we now know that there's a way to overcome this dilemma. We know it, because we've done it.

I remember the gloomy predictions of gridlock prior to the session two years ago, and again last year. And I remember with pride what we achieved:

We created the best state budget for public schools in 20 years!

We created the best worker-retraining system in the entire nation.

We created one of the first and best Patient's Bill of Rights in the nation.

We dedicated every penny of the historic tobacco settlement to health care and smoking prevention.

We nearly doubled funding for affordable housing for seniors, working families, the homeless, and for disabled people.

We created a Safe Food Initiative to help our farmers promote food products locally and abroad.

We pushed forward an Advanced Technology Initiative, harnessing our colleges and universities of higher learning, to move our state even faster into the high-tech economy.

And, we met the budget challenges from Initiative 695 without abandoning our values, without abandoning our ferries or public transit, and without abandoning the citizens who need our help just to survive.

Some of the leaders who helped solve last year's challenges are no longer with us. Just last night we received the very sad news about a great leader who will no longer be with us. We heard that our friend and colleague Pat Scott lost her long battle with cancer yesterday. We will miss Pat. We will miss her gentle humor. We will miss her devotion to children. We will miss her ability to work with everyone on both sides of the aisle. Pat is gone. But her spirit will live on. And I hope that we will all work together to carry on her gentle spirit in all we do.

But today we are welcoming newly elected Representatives, too. As we grapple this session with many familiar and some new problems, you, as new legislators, can provide a constructive new perspective. For those who've been here before, let us welcome our new colleagues.

The challenges we face this year are not any easier than those we worked through last year.

The education initiatives enacted by the people in November raise budget questions that we will have to work very hard to answer. But I don't regret those education initiatives. Many of us here have fought for stronger schools for years. Last legislative session, we made a down payment towards Initiative 728, when we passed the Better Schools Program. We hired more teachers to reduce class size, so that individual students got more individual attention.

Such an investment is needed to meet high standards for our students, our teachers, our principals, our school board members, and our communities.

I'm proud that the people --- with a 70 percent mandate --- demonstrated their support of what our Constitution says: public education is our paramount duty. The people of Washington value their public schools.

I want to honor the men and women who worked so hard on Initiative 728 to ensure stronger schools for our children and our future. Some of these leaders are with us today.

Let me introduce Elaine Von Rosenstiel, Jean Carpenter, and Russell Hartman. Please join me in recognizing their work. By the way, Rita was the President of the state-wide PTA, and Russell is on the School Board in Bremerton, where I grew up.

So this is probably a good time to introduce another important person, who was active in schools as a leader of the Bremerton PTA for over 20 years, and as a school cafeteria worker for many years. Would you please help me in recognizing my mom, Anne Chopp.

Also with me today is my wife, Nancy Long, and my daughter, Ellie Rosa, who's attends one of the best middle schools in the entire state, New Options Middle School. My son, Nate, who couldn't be here today, is a recent graduate of Western Washington University. As you can tell, I'm proud of my family. For a very good reason - they have inspired me to do my best - particularly for our schools. My parents always believed that the best way up and out of poverty is to get an education. My brother and two sisters became teachers. With us today is my brother Mel Chopp, who teaches math in Gig Harbor schools, coaches a volleyball team and who's joined today by his wife Ruth, my sister Anita Halstead-Robinson, and my sister Jo Anne Wilson, who's joined by her husband, Earl. Altogether, they have 111 years of teaching in our public schools in Washington State. That deserves a round of applause.

Just to keep some perspective about the challenges we face, imagine the challenges faced by teachers across our state. In fact, all across the state, from the Puget Sound to the Palouse, there are everyday heroes --- often unsung heroes - who are leading by example to make Washington a better place to live.

I feel deeply honored to introduce another of these heroes to you, a hero who has devoted her life to helping foster children in Washington. Some of you may not have heard the name Danielle Baxter before. But if you ask me, her name should be near the front page of Ripley's believe it or not! Because, during the past 15 years, Danielle Baxter has touched the lives, and helped to raise, five hundred and forty two foster kids in Washington. Five hundred and forty two - mostly hard-to-place teenagers! And we think we have challenges!

Danielle is here with two of her foster children. Please join me in welcoming them, and in honoring all that Danielle Baxter has done for Washington's kids. Danielle is a true hero. But even heroes like Danielle Baxter can't do all they do for Washington without help. And Washington's foster parents and foster kids definitely need more help from us now.

If we're really serious about not leaving any child behind, then we won't leave foster parents like Danielle Baxter behind, when we craft our budgets and policies this year. We cannot leave the poor, the sick, the homeless, the abused, or the disabled behind. Because fiscal responsibility means more than adding and subtracting numbers. It means making our resources and our values work together for all the people we serve.

Making values and resources work together is a specialty of the next hero I'd like to introduce. In an era of court battles and conflicts over salmon recovery, Dale Reiner and his family have shown us how to restore salmon habitat on a working farm. Working with local conservation groups and agencies along a stretch of Haskell Slough in Snohomish County, Dale's family and the Greenleaf family put together two miles of rearing and spawning habitat. Now, Dale is organizing farmers along an entire reach of the Skykomish River to develop a plan to protect salmon and preserve farms. Dale's family is no stranger to the river valley. His great-grandfather homesteaded in 1873. His family, like the salmon, is there for the long haul. His leadership is showing that farming and salmon can coexist, in harmony, not in conflict. If we're going to save our salmon and enhance rural economies - we must follow the lead of the Dale Reiners of Washington. And for that he deserves our thanks and applause - Dale Reiner and family, true Washington heroes!

I've introduced these heroes to remind us that public service and leadership comes in many forms.

But the problems facing Washington today require more than individual acts of heroism. They require leadership from the legislature. The people need us to be the leaders we know we can be.

The people need our leadership on transportation. Traffic congestion is creating highway robbery - stealing time from our families and threatening our prosperity.

If we're going to solve the traffic gridlock, then we must avoid legislative gridlock. Washington can't move forward on transportation unless we move forward. And transportation does not just mean roads. It means ferries. It means transit. It means choices. And the people of Washington won't have good transportation choices in the future, if we fail to make good transportation choices now.

Another challenge we must address is energy. It's hard to believe --- clean, low-cost, and abundant energy has long been a vital part of Washington's heritage and prosperity. It has helped build industries, it has put the "e" in "e-commerce," and made our high-tech companies possible.

But lately we've seen workers laid off due to soaring energy costs. We've seen large increases in utility bills that many families cannot afford. Electricity costs have driven up the costs of business, and education, and health care, and government services of every kind.

The only good news in this crisis is that we are not California! Thank God we blocked California-style deregulation when it was attempted here in this House!

But if we're going to do our part to solve the energy crisis, we can't just pray for rain.

We must conserve energy today and build more capacity for tomorrow. We need a balanced energy policy that also includes renewable energy. Washington has prospered by energetic leadership in energy. Leaders like Warren Magnuson and Scoop Jackson led the way to protect Washington's reliable and abundant power. Like them, we must work together for the sake of all Washington.

"Working together for One Washington" has been the guiding principle of House Democrats for the past two years. Today, we renew our commitment to work for all of Washington. Each of you was motivated to come here to do the people's work, by someone who inspired you. I'd like each of you to think back to whoever inspires you - whether it was your Mom or Dad, a son or daughter, a brother or sister, your teacher or co-worker, or a local or national leader.

If we are to meet the daunting challenges before us, we're going to need to be inspired. Let's get inspired! Let's get to work!

Thank you very much."

Speaker Ballard: "Ladies and gentlemen of the House . . . colleagues . . . friends . . . and loved ones - thank you for this honor.

I'm pleased to have this chance to stand in service of this institution and the people of this great state. My pledge to you is to do my best to serve you with distinction and humility. From this vantage point, one never loses appreciation for the duty that is bestowed upon us. It is one of great magnitude - for we make history every day - and from where I stand, I see only the sincerity of the people who sit here with me and the vision of the things we can accomplish.

This perspective is as awesome today as it was six years ago. And serving in this institution is as great an honor as it was when I was first sworn in back in 1983. And thanks, Representative Clements, for reminding us all just how long ago that was.

However, there are those out there in the real world who do not see things from my vantage point. The citizens are weary of the political process . . . and having just endured the longest election season in our history has only deepened their distrust.

We owe them a reprieve from the negative tone of the past six months. They are looking for us to lead them through a transition . . . to move beyond the bitterness . . . toward a path that leads to constructive compromise.

We all fought hard. But my friends, it is time to put the disappointments and frustrations of the election behind us. We must change the tone . . . unite together . . . and turn our attention to the needs of the people.

Polls, pregnant chads and party labels don't matter to them. What matters to them are the jobs that they need to keep in order to support their families . . . What matters to them are their family budgets that are being threatened by skyrocketing energy costs and property taxes . . . What matters to them is getting out of the traffic so they can get home to hug their children. These are the issues we must unite together to address.

We've had a tremendous run of prosperity in some of our state, particularly in the Puget Sound Region. But for the first time in nearly a decade, we see signs of a softening economy. These are red flags waving before us and we must respond.

First is the rising cost of energy. Make no mistake. We are facing a crisis . . . one that already is forcing manufacturers to scale back and causing workers to lose jobs. Businesses have been feeling the effects, but now households are too. Local utilities across the state are imposing enormous surcharges that will increase home energy bills, some by 50 percent or more. Just think what these increases will mean to those who live on fixed incomes. This energy crisis is taking money out of our household budgets and out of our economy and sending it out of our state.

To ease this burden, we need to clear a regulatory path that will encourage new generation facilities to be developed to meet our state's energy needs. And we need to take immediate action to encourage consumers and businesses to conserve more energy until we can safely meet the demand.

Our economy and our quality of life are at stake. Citizens are also worried about the rising cost of health care. The cost of keeping our families healthy is rising much faster than personal income. Employers, faced with rising premiums, are asking their workers to pay more out-of-pocket or they're being forced to lay people off altogether. The inflation of health care is putting families and jobs at risk.

And finally, we have, at least for the time being, reached the edge of the dot-com frontier. I have no doubt that this industry will once again flourish. But for now, the hope of the new economy has met with the realities of the old . . . and for the first time we are finding that this industry's potential to grow the prosperity of our region has limits.

I am especially concerned for those who have not shared in the economic success of the last few years. Our rural communities, who have waited for the promise of economic boom, have yet to see it.

The people who live in these communities have benefited the least from our state's economic growth, yet they stand to suffer the most if we allow the burdens of an economic downturn to weigh on them.

Of course, we will only add to these economic consequences if we do not immediately address our pressing transportation needs. We need to get people and products moving safely on our highways again.

The time for analysis has past. We know our roads and ferries are in need of expansion and repair. We've known it for years.

We also know that citizens are not in a mood for higher taxes until they are certain that we are using every available dollar as efficiently as we can. That should be our goal this session, as we embark on a long-term plan to improve our state's transportation system. It must be a plan void of political turf wars and one that we can take to the people and say, "this will make our roads safer, our economy stronger and get us home to our families sooner at the end of each day."

And finally, parents want to know that schools are safe and that their children are being prepared for our 21st Century. That means having quality teachers in our classrooms and greater accountability in our schools.

We have worked hard to set higher standards in our schools and increase the expectations of our students. Some are responding with improved scores and performance. Some still need help. Now is not the time to abandon our efforts.

We must re-dedicate ourselves to reaching these standards, giving teachers the tools to improve learning, and giving parents greater control over their children's education by providing choice and accountability.

These are the issues that matter to real people. They've had their fill of politics. They are hungry for solutions . . . and they are eager for leadership.

The tools for success lay before us. In this Chamber is the experience and the capacity to make the lives of ordinary people better. We need only the resolve to work together to make it happen.

Yes, we are Democrats and Republicans, but we are first and foremost public servants. And we shouldn't listen to the naysayers, those who forecast chaos and legislative gridlock. Two years ago, we heard similar predictions. The so-called "pundits" said a House with 49 Republicans and 49 Democrats couldn't function. And while I admit it was difficult – even maddening – at times, we proved them wrong.

Last year, we passed historic legislation to bring private health insurance back to the people of Washington . . . We passed a Patients' Bill of Rights . . . We responded to the challenges of Initiative 695 so that important local services could be maintained and the citizens could have meaningful tax relief. And we did all of this in a completely bipartisan fashion.

We showed everyone that a House tied at 49 to 49 can work. This year, let's show them how a House tied at 49 to 49 can work wonders. If we again use our circumstance to work together, the citizens of this state will see the greatness that I see before me.

There's an old proverb that says you should greet the sun twice each day . . . once as though it was the first time you've ever seen it . . . and once as though it will be the last time you'll ever see it. I challenge you to forget what you know about the political process. Come each day with a new admiration for our purpose and leave with renewed appreciation for those who elected us to serve.

If we can't see the wonder and significance of this job, how can we expect others to see it?

If we envision great things, we can get them done . . . and we can get them done in 105 days.

I predict this will be a session like no other. We will make history – not as a House evenly divided, but as a House united like none before.

Thank you and God bless the citizens of Washington state."

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKERS PRO TEMPORE

Representative Sump: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to nominate Representative John Pennington for Speaker Pro Tempore. I think back over the four years I've been in this body, and as I have watched this young man hone his skills. He certainly has the technical ability. And he understands the function of this House. But even more, he has the respect of the dignity of this House and he will preserve that dignity. He will treat the members fairly. He understands the process of this House must be held to the highest standards. As Speaker Pro Tempore, God forgive, he might need to fill the breach on either side of the aisle. We pray that might never happen. But either one of our Speakers Pro Tempore must be of that caliber. They have to be of that dignity, they have to have that intellectual capability to function. Representative John Pennington possesses all of the attributes. He is fair, he understands the process, he is a man of integrity – all of these are attributes of a leader and we need this in our State and we need this in the institution. This institution must never fail. This institution is larger than any of us here. And we must have leaders that understand that. And Representative John Pennington will do that job for us. And I urge you to vote for Representative John Pennington as Republican Speaker Pro Tem. Thank you."

Representative Fromhold: "I would like to nominate Representative Val Ogden from the 49th District for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

I am proud to speak on her behalf. She is my friend, mentor, and the highly respected senior member of our Southwest Washington delegation.

Representative Ogden is starting her sixth term in the House of Representatives. As you know, she is a very effective member of this body. Most importantly, in our community, Representative Ogden is recognized for her leadership and involvement. She is the former Executive Director of the Clark County YWCA. Her community activities including being a board member of the Council for the Homeless, Clark County Mental Health Advisory Board and the Human Services Council. Nationally, she serves on the Executive Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures and she is President of the National Order of Women Legislators.

I am especially pleased to have my family here with me today to share in this significant occasion. Here with me are my daughter, Jan Martin, from Helena, Montana; my daughter Patti Hunter and granddaughter Emily from Spokane; and my son Dan, his wife Carrol, and my two grandchildren Nikki and Chris from Issaquah; and my husband Dan. As we try to fulfill our duties as legislators, the support of our families is very important. I believe that it is appropriate, as I recognize my family, that I also recognize all families who make it possible for us to do our job. Please join me in giving them a heartfelt thank you.

January is a significant month, as legislators all over the country are convening and swearing in their legislators. Congress and the President of the United States will also be sworn in. I can remember 40 years ago, I stood on the steps of our nation's capital in bitter cold to watch as a young president was sworn in. President Kennedy said that day, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." He asked for a recommitment to public service as an honorable and esteemed value in our society. Today that commitment is still relevant. Nationally there is concern as to the preservation of our form of representative government. Efforts are being made in every state to build trust between constituents and their elected representatives. We have a unique opportunity as we enter, as some say, the real beginning of the new millennium, to demonstrate the working partnerships this body will have as we meet the challenges of this next session.

It is often helpful to get a little perspective by learning of the challenges of some of our earlier legislators. John Greenleaf Whittier, the great American poet, served in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1830. It was observed that his interests seldom made him blindly partisan. Nearly always he esteemed ability and character, the commitment to public service, above mere loyalty to party, always men above measure. In an editorial he wrote, he stated, "It is the duty of every politician, who has the good of his country at heart, to make an honorable stand against partisanship, evincing in his own example, a just and impartial discrimination in regard to men and measures. Of what consequence is it to an American citizen, whether a measure is proposed, or a speech made by a Democrat or Republican." I have paraphrased his conclusion. He implied, "The ultimate test is, is it good public policy?"

I would like to conclude by sharing with you the Millennium Resolution from the Christian Churches of Scotland. "Let there be... respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs, and from now on, a new start."

Thank you."

ELECTION OF CO-CHIEF CLERKS

Representative Pennington: Tim Martin's first session was nearly twenty years ago as an intern. He is here today as one of the Legislature's most experienced professionals.

Few people have earned the respect – from Republicans and Democrats alike, Senators and Representatives alike – that Tim has. He is recognized both in our state and in other states for his understanding of, and commitment to, legislative processes and institutions and for his commitment to bringing citizens closer to the democratic process.

He came to the House at a unique point in our history, at a time of great challenge for this institution. We faced employee lawsuits and dwindling morale from within – and bruised and fractured public trust from without.

From the outset, Tim set out to work evenhandedly for all 98 members of the House. He worked to see that House administration is not used to benefit one party or another. But to ensure the workplace for staff was characterized by mutual support and respect, regardless of ideology or philosophical bend.

He rallied us to adopt a framework for positive action to counter public cynicism and to rebuild public trust. He worked with members of both parties to craft the "Access to Government Initiative", a multi-part agenda to enhance public education about the legislature and utilize emerging technology to reach the public. The Access to Government Initiative is now a national model.

Many of the tools we now take for granted made their way into this House through the Access to Government Initiative – member laptops, enhanced information on the Internet, model school curricula and training tools on the legislature.

Tim shies from taking personal credit for our advances; he is quick to credit the efforts of House members and staff. Clearly, adoption and implementation of the Access to Government Initiative was a team effort – but there is *no doubt* that Tim was our coach. We recognize it... legislative academics recognize it.

When we look at votes on our state-of-the-art voting system, when we use our Chamber Information System to access bills and amendments, and when we think of the legislative information that citizens access today that they couldn't before Tim arrived, we realize we have a real leader as an administrator.

Often I speak with pride about this institution, and with a recognition that Tim Martin has focused us on institutional integrity – and what that focus has meant so much to me and to my constituents.

I believe that we have been highly successful – at the very least earnest – in our work to regain and enhance public trust. But more than that, we have affected the institutional mind set by setting a framework for decision-making in a time of institutional change. For that, I believe that Tim deserves our gratitude for his efforts.

My nomination for him stems from my belief that he will use this position once again to further efforts on *all* our behalf. He will work tirelessly – as he has for the past six years – to ensure that the 98 members of the House – regardless of party – have the tools we need to meet our legislative goals and the needs of our constituents.

With a distinct pride, Mr. Speaker, I nominate Chief Clerk Tim Martin to another term serving the people of Washington State (taxpayers)."

Representative Ogden: "Mr. Speaker, I nominate Ms. Cindy Zehnder as Chief Clerk of the Washington State House of Representatives.

The clerk carries many important responsibilities as manager of the operations of the House. This includes administrative and committee support staff, budget, security and facilities.

Cindy brings unique capabilities to this position, having served us well the past year and a half:

She has demonstrated leadership in management and labor issues,

She has proven ability to unite divergent interests around a common program, and extensive negotiation experience in both the public and private sectors, with in-depth knowledge of media and public relations,

She is a skilled public speaker and writer, and finally,

She has experience in managing large organizations, with particular strength in strategic planning, information technology, and continuous quality improvement.

I am proud to support the nomination of Cindy Zehnder as Co-Clerk of the House and ask for your vote. Thank you."

MOTIONS

Representative Mastin moved the nominations for Chief Clerk by closed. The motion carried.

Representative Mastin moved that the rules be suspended and that by voice vote, Cynthia Zehnder and Timothy Martin be elected as Chief Clerks of the House. The motion carried.

Speaker Ballard asked Representatives Ogden and Pennington escort Cynthia Zehnder and Timothy Martin to the Rostrum.

Justice Johnson administered the Oath of Office to Cynthia Zehnder and Timothy Martin.

Chief Clerk Cynthia Zehnder: "Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief Clerk.

The last two years have been full of challenges, and if I may, Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful staff of the House whose hard work and dedication have made it possible for all of us to succeed.

In particular, I would like to thank our Deputy Chief Clerks whose tireless efforts and endless good will have carried us through a multitude of crises.

I also want to thank my partner Tim Martin. It hasn't always been easy, but somehow we have managed to each day get the work of the House accomplished due in no small part to his dedication to this institution.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to all of you. Your commitment, your energy and your extraordinary dedication to the public good make it all worthwhile.

Thank you."

Chief Clerk Timothy Martin: "Thank you, Cindy; Speaker Ballard; Speaker Chopp and members. What an honor to have Secretary of State Ralph Munro swear me in. That was unexpected. And thank you to Co-Speaker John Pennington for your kind and generous words.

This is my fourth trip to rostrum to make these remarks and each trip is a little more humbling than the one before. Because while I have the honor to stand before you today, I am only one of a much, much larger team of very skilled employees who dedicate their lives to public service through service to you. I know that each member of House staff and our other Legislative agencies, is as proud of his or her work as I am of mine. I know that each member of staff values the same professional relationships with you as I do. I wish there was more room and more time for each one of my colleagues to stand before you and publicly accept the trust you have placed in them as legislative employees. On their behalf and on mine, I thank you for the honor and privilege of working here.

Finally, no moment in the sun would be complete without acknowledgment of family. So I must take a moment to thank my boys, Max and Gust for being my best friends, and to thank my wife, Kim Martin for taking care of the three of us. And thanks to Mom and Dad for being here once more. And thank you Mrs. Kochaniewicz for being here for our very able reader, Sean.

Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your trust and support.
Thank you."

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4601 by Representatives Mastin and Kessler

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Speakers of the House of Representatives appoint a committee of four members of the House of Representatives to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is now organized and ready to conduct business.

Representative Mastin moved the adoption of the resolution.

Representative Mastin spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

House Resolution No. 4601 was adopted.

Speaker Ballard appointed Representatives Darncille, B. Chandler, Lovick and Roach to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives was organized and ready to conduct business.

The Sergeant at Arms announced the arrival of the Senate delegation. Senators Carlson, Constantine, Kastama, Parlette, Hewitt and Keiser informed the Chamber that the Senate was organized and ready for work. The Senate delegation was escorted from the Chamber.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

January 8, 2001

Mr. Speakers:

The Senate has adopted:

and the same is herewith transmitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400,

Tony M. Cook, Secretary

INTRODUCTIONS AND FIRST READING

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by Representatives Murray, Alexander, Ogden, Schoesler, Armstrong, Linville and McIntire (by request of Public Work's Board)